

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 10/22/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 November 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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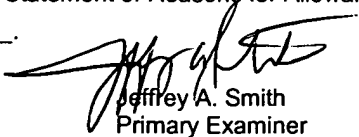
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record neither anticipates nor fairly and reasonably teaches an aviation parts and repair system comprising, *inter alia*, comprising a server system (claim 1) or an Online Overhaul Communication Module (claim 9) configured to authenticate each engine part using a received engine serial number; determine engine parts that are missing from the engine when received; and generate a missing-at-incoming report that describes the parts missing from the engine when received (see claim 1).

Smith (U.S. Patent No. 5,931,877) discloses using a serial number to track repairable components of a system (col. 6, line 60-col. 7, line 6) and Aragonés et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,067,486) discloses retrieving configuration data of a particularly numbered engine. However, neither Smith nor Aragonés et al., nor any other prior art of record, teach a server system or Online Overhaul Communication Module configured to authenticate each engine part using the received engine serial number and ultimately generate a missing-at-incoming report that describes the parts missing from the engine (having such serial number) when received.

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Similarly, the prior art of record neither anticipates nor fairly and reasonably teaches a method (claim 11) for the automation of parts ordering, warranty claim submission, and dissemination of product and repair information for aviation parts, using an Aviation Parts and Services System to improve communication and customer satisfaction, the system including at least one server, a centralized database, and at least one client system accessible by a customer for accessing repair information for the customer's aviation parts that have been returned to a repair facility for refurbishment, said method comprising, *inter alia*, the steps of authenticating each engine part using a received engine serial number; determining engine parts that are missing from the engine when received; and generation a missing-at-incoming report that describes the parts missing from the engine when received.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

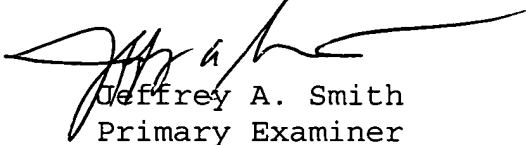
Eger, Andrew C: "Reducing repair cycle time", Army Logistician, Sept/Oct 1997, pg 10 discusses the use of national stock numbers (NSNs).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey A. Smith whose telephone number is 703-308-3588. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on 703-308-1344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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